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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announces project seminar at Cape May Point

PHILADELPHIA (Nov. 2, 2004)--- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and its partners in the Cape May City and the Lower Cape May Meadows – Cape May Point Ecosystem Restoration Projects announce today that the public is invited to a beach construction seminar to be held Nov. 8, from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at the Firehouse, 412 Yale Avenue, Cape May Point, NJ.

The ecosystem restoration project's first phase was initiated this summer to begin managing the *Phragmites australis* within about 50 acres of the Cape May Point State Park and the Nature Conservancy-owned Cape May Migratory Bird Refuge. Beach construction, the project's second phase, will begin in mid-November 2004.

Members of the Corps of Engineers, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and local officials will provide an overview of the beach construction phase and what citizens can expect to see during its construction. The public will also have an opportunity to ask questions about this phase of the project.

Beach construction in the Lower Cape May Meadows – Cape May Point Ecosystem Restoration Project consists of restoration of a protective dune/berm extending 1.9 miles from just west of the 3rd Avenue terminal groin in Cape May City to the Central Avenue groin in Cape May Point. Initial construction will utilize 1.4 million cubic yards of sand with periodic nourishment of 650,000 cubic yards every 4 years.

For additional project information please call or visit the Philadelphia District at:

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